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#### The "World" on the Way to Safeguard the Monroe Doctrine.

The effect of American participation in a league to enforce peace in the moment when Washington was Europe was discussed the other day studying his declination to sign the by our esteemed friend the World:

"The suggestion that such a league uld impair the Monroe Doctrine seems to be baseless. That policy has resulted in a formidable league against conquest in the Western Hemisphere. As it is better understood it gains in strength. The proposed league to enforce peace would be an extension of the same prinsiple to the Old World. Entered upon m good faith by other important naons, our refusal to participate in it instead of safeguarding the Monroe Docwine, would more likely be accepted as the abandonment of that Doctrine."

With due respect to our neighbor's intellectuals, we are bound to say that this is a little too metaphysical. The Monroe Doctrine was clearly defined at The Hague, and in conventions resulting from the two conferences at The Hague. The declaration as clear as Taboe water:

"Nothing contained in this Conven tion shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not entering upon, interfering with, or entangling itself in the political questions eign State, nor shall anything contained in the said Convention be so construed as to require the relinquishment by the United States of America of its traditional attitude toward purely American

We can see how the World might favor the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine and the relinquishment of our traditional attitude toward purely American questions for the sake of entering into a league of Powers to enforce peace in both hem- Mexican troops, ispheres. That position would be intelligible, if debatable.

But we confess we cannot see, and cannot imagine how the World sees. the refusal to depart from the Monroe Doctrine by entangling our. spected. The captain is a real soldier under test, worked as hard after selves in the political questions of and he has fine control of his men luncheon as before; how he responded Europe, and the refusal to abandon our traditional attitude toward purely American questions, could be accepted by anybody except the Mad Hatter and the March Hare as the abandonment of that doctrine.

The logic of that proposition quite transcends the receptive capacity of our intelligence.

Yesterday, returning to the sam subject and speaking in the same mystic vein, our good neighbor quoted and commented as follows:

"Germany, of course, does not mention the Monroe Doctrine. It is left to the imagination whether her proposal includes cooperation in the prevention of wars in Mexico.-THE SUN. "An international league to preven

future wars might have as little to do with insurrection in Mexico as with a domestic uprising in Germany."

It might and again it mightn't.

# In Defence of James R. Mann.

No student of the political activitives will hesitate for an instant to York regiment? Possibly, because we for the control of the floods of the Mis-Pan-Germanism. Mr. Mann's career is a complete and satisfactory refuta- among the foremost in preparedness." Uncle Sam of an undivided two-thirds iny."

Indeed, Mr. Mann and his defenders can safely go further than they the chief of the Militia Bureau. Otherhave in their efforts to exculpate him from suspicion of altruistic self-sacrifice. His record establishes beyond question his innocence of conscious bias in behalf of any programme, project, or scheme of politics international or domestic that has not been which, like fa. 'ts in the highest veins of minerals, occasionally interfere with the workings of the most

straightforward minds. Mr. Mann has conformed rigidly disappointment, but there were ex- As he is to put up two dollars for to one ideal. If his conduct may have tenuating circumstances. It is not to every one put up by local interests,

achment to the Kaiser's kingdom in- ian critics have overlooked. fluenced the Illinois wasp. Rather, pret to the injury of Mr. MANN.

# Who Put This Opportunity in Car-

CARRANZA of raids into Mexico origi- age to tell the truth about it. nating in this country are obvious. eral PERSHING's force?

our controversy would an attack from opment a regular army officer. north of the frontier on the de facto Government of Mexico have been of Concrete Application of a Plain greater value to CARRANZA than at border protocol. If CARRANZA himself had arranged it the circumstances of the undertaking could not have been more suitable for his purpose or more annoving to President

By this singular occurrence it is given to CARRANZA to turn against us all that we have said concerning the Villa raid on Columbus, to make on us demands identical with those we have made on him, to lament and der and restrain lawlessness on the international boundary line. The First was at 20, 50 or 100 per cent. standard." Chief would be more than human were he to neglect this opportunity. whatever may have given rise to the raids, and CARRANZA is human.

#### The National Guard as Army Officers See It.

The report of the Chief of the Militia Bureau, Brigadier-General W. A. MANN, upon the mobilization of the Organized Militia and National Guard for service on the border would be more satisfactory if the names of regiments severely criticised for inefficiency and unfitness were given in the returns of inspecting officers. There are fairly good regiments in the National Guard, even in the judgment of regular army officers. Why then, should credit not be given them in the welter of strictures that leave an impression on the reader's mind that the organization as a whole would be only food for powder in a campflign in the field. We should even like to see an admission here and there that this or that regiment has sufficient training to render a good account of itself if confronted with

Occasionally a regular army man reporting upon Battery - Field Artillery, says: "I consider this the best • • • In about two more months, to Binet-Simon questions and what

the Monroe Doctrine by relinquishing Provided an opportunity was given number of calories he consumed per this battery to work over a suitable diem. terrain and have target practice, I should consider it ready for any kind ernment examiners stepping up to give of service." From what State did it Dr. Kunz his quarterly examination: hail? The identity of the battery should not be left to conjecture. It is unfair to the zealous officers and devoted men. Praise, however, is rare in these inspection reports; even damning with faint praise is uncommon; downright, sometimes savage condemnation is the rule.

One can see the regulars throwing But there are others. up their hands in despair. We have no doubt that organizations inspected Uncle Sam's Undivided Two-thirds were utterly bad and worthless for serious work; but there were excepmum of further training to qualify eight Republicans, is entitled: for field service. After inspecting "A bill to promote interstate com-To which we can only reply that reported: "It is the best National fare by providing for the development Guard regiment at Eagle Pass in and control of waterways and water re-The Colonel is a regular, a good ex- flood control, prevention and protection; ecutive, and the regiment shows it, for the application of flood waters to ben- bus Circle to remotest Alaska than it ties of the Hon. James R. Mann of Regiment will be fit for the field in efficial uses; and for cooperation in such Illinois and the House of Representa- about two months." Was it a New work with States and other agencies; accept his denial of the charge that read elsewhere that "New York is sizsippi River and the Sacramento River, he is an unselfish and disinterested one of the two States having a com- California; and for other purposes." laborer in the cause of Prussia and plete divisional organization, and it Among the other purposes appears

belongs entirely to the worst. Guard in mobilization and border made worth \$100 an acre and upcamps made in the judgment of regu- ward; the owners expect to sell it for har army inspectors a poor showing \$150 an acre. Sixteen million acres sure" peace is radical. What effect can be summed up; a considerable are involved. If we average present upon a lawless mining camp would definitely and profitably associated number of the enlisted men were re-values this land is worth \$160,000,000. with and contributory to the preser- cruits who joined in an emergency: When it shall have been reclaimed it vation and advancement of the inter- the medical examinations were by will be worth at least \$1,600,000,000. ests of James R. Mann of Illinois. If no means thorough; often there was Uncle Sam is to spend \$45,000,000 that it can no longer postpone every- again, and that is as it should be. The in any instance he has strayed from a glaring deficiency of equipment, and and as much more as may be necesthe consistent path his acute and in- the equipment of some regiments had sary to make these swamps tillable. quiring intellect has marked out for been roughly used and neglected; Sound engineering opinion thinks that his well disciplined feet, that lapse many officers were ignorant and in- if the project can be carried through from the virtuous habit of a lifetime competent, could not impart instruc- at all it can only be made permanent is to be accounted for by reference to tion and had no notion of discipline; by facing the miles of levees with ceone of those unhappy mental hiatuses the federalization of the militia was ment. That would bring the cost to precipitated by the national defence \$200,000,000. Uncle Sam is to spend act, causing misspprehension and con- from \$45,000,000 to \$200,000,000 to Fellow in the Ball and Chain Society and a fusion. From any point of view the present private property owners with State soldiery was unready and a a clean \$1,440,000,000.

We undertake to say that when the Kaiser was conceived by Mr. regiments were found to be unsol-Mann's best friend and warmest ad- dierly and unfit, the States from mirer to be useful in the prosecution which they came were largely to may prove to be a complete failure of Mr. Mann's business; and hence blame. You can count upon the two at the last. Uncle Sam's share of the followed the association which the hands the States that sent fairly prospective profit is therefore twothoughtless now strive to misinter- well trained material to camp and militia has never taken its work seriously enough. It has been overpraised by partfal friends, and lo-The advantageous possibilities to cally no one has had the moral cour-

Now we have spread on the record They come at a time when the nego- what regular army officers think tiations between his commissioners about the National Guard. It is honand those representing the United est and unsparing criticism, and in price which covered his outlay, and States are about to be abandoned be- that respect General W. A. MANN'S provided easy instalments over a long cause of his refusal to accede to the report is invaluable. Let every Guard term of years, with 3 per cent. interdemands of the United States. The officer read and profit by it. There est added. In the Mississippi project embarrassment that may flow from is a good deal of splendid material he does not own the land, but he them for the Administration is pat- in the Federalized Militia, and it con- should not spend a penny without the ent. CARRANZA the note writer will tains regiments of regular army qual- exercise of the principle of excess be quick to avail himself of the op- ity awaiting development and finish. portunity they offer; may be not say The problem of training the National that they justify a Mexican punitive Guard to be fit for the first line is a expedition to this country, modelled most difficult one, requiring new legon the precedent established by Gen- islation and a still more intimate relation with the regular army. Every will maintain a decent silence about The incident is too opportune to National Guard regiment should have escape suspicion. At no juncture in as its Colonel in the process of devel-

# Programme.

At least one preliminary programs for industrial and military training and preparedness presented to the convention of the scientists is so plain. so concrete, as to provoke admiration;

"The entire population of the United States should be card catalogued and the men classified according to their various abilities or adaptation under the letters A. B. C. D. &c., showing their fitness for various vocations according to a percentage up to 100. An examination of these men should be made two, three or four times a year, so that one could resent our incapacity to maintain or- judge in the case of a ditch digger, a mechanic or a soldier whether the man

Let us be equally concrete and try to apply this scheme to one man. Who shall be be but the author of the programme itself? The catalogue would literary diet read somewhat like this:

"KUNZ, GEORGE FREDERICK : b. N. Y.,

Educated pub. schools and Cooper Union (Hon. A. M., Columbia, 1898;" Knox, 1907.)

"Occupation: Gem expert and vice president Tiffany & Co.

"Experience: Special agent U. S. Ge logical Survey. 1882-1909; in charge department of mines at the expositions of Paris, Kimberley, Chicago, Omaha and that their offspring has the right to Atlanta; radium commissioner at the St. Louis Exposition; special investigator for the U. S. Fish Commission on American pearls; special agent in charge of precious stones, 12th Census; delegate from the United States to the Internatioral Congress, Paris, 1900, &c., &c.

Publique (France); officer Legion of Honor (France) ; Knight, Order St. Olaf (Norway); hongrary member, Museum of Natural History, Paris, &c., &c.

Writings: 'Gems and Precious Stone commends. Thus Major STEPHENS, in of North America, 200 papers on gems, minerals, folklore, &c."

> There would be other items, no Guard buttery I have in doubt, showing whether the subject

Let us fancy one of the 50,000 Gov

"Now, my good man, we shall see whether you are still up to the standard of vocational fitness. Tell me, quickly,

Perhaps the Kunz programme would work out all right. We are sure the author of it would be patient under it.

# Interest.

Seifate Bill 7510, referred to the tions, as is proved by testimony that | Senate Committee on Commerce, which some regiments would need a mini-consists of eleven Democrats and

the ---- Infantry Colonel Morgan merce, agriculture and the general welequipment and general efficiency, sources; for water conservation; for to carry a letter by railroad train,

is well known that its troops are to be a deliberate intention to rob We hold that regiments good and bad interest in values to be created by the should be designated in the report of expenditure of his money,

The bill carries \$45,000,000 to rewise the best share the reproach that claim privately owned swamps along Wilson got 48.7 per cent. of the total the Mississippi. Land now worth vote cast for President, a magnificent The reasons why the National from 50 cents to \$20 an acre is to be

been translatable into friendship for be senied that they had the true Uncle Sam has indisputably an undi-

Prussia we may be sure that no at- patriotic spirit, a fact that their civil- vided two-thirds interest in any profits that may accrue from the enterprise; the more so because it is a risky enterprise, a quicksand in which he may sink huge sums and which thirds of \$1,440,000,000, or \$900,000,border. As a whole, the organized 000. With this he could build eighty battleships of the first line, equals of England's Queen Elizabeth or his own Pennsylvania; with this he could almost extinguish the national debt, or nearly pay the total expenses of run-

ning the country for a year. When Uncle Sam irrigated Western lands he sold the watered acres at a condemnation to insure him his share of the possible profits.

It is all very well for scientists to discuss the age of man, but if they are as discreet as they are learned they the years of woman.

This office, where good things are appreciated, has always a welcome for that excellent magazine of letters principally contemporary, the Bookman; and we observe its announcement that with the current number terminates the editorship of ARTHUR BARTLETT MAURICE, who since October 1, 1899, has made it an increasingly valuable literary record and repository.

The late Francis F. Browns of the Chicago Dial in a letter humorously defined the purpose of his magazine, to notice books as they appear and outhors as they disappear. When Mr. MAURICE goes to take up the work with the American Relief in Belgium for which he has volunteered, a full regiment of authors will wish him voyage the more heartily because he has helped them to recogbefore the time for shuffling off this mortal coil. And to their felicitations and expectations iressed to the new editor, Mr. G. G. WYANT, our own cordial congratulations are joined; along with a friendly reminder that most folks object to any sudden and extensive change of

It must surprise the President at times to observe how quickly an epigram may turn into an epitaph.

The most striking characteristics of Ph. L. U. of Marburg, 1903; Sc. D., a Mexican de facto Government pre-clude the belief that it is either de facto or a Government.

> A case now before Justice NATHAN BIJUR of the Supreme Court of New York involves the legal status of a four months old baby in an apartment The parents of the child assert go up and down in the main elevator building contend that the baby in her conveyance must be relegated to the lift devoted to moving garbage, express packages and groceries. Public sentiment in connection with this interesting case is bound to be divided. An individual's attitude toward bubies as an institution is likely to place him the outset on the side of either the plaintiff or the defendant. The ulty of getting a jury in litigation of this nature is apparent the moment fully comprehended

armed bandits, Villa is in a position prove that the reports of his death. like those of MARK TWAIN, were grossly exaggerated.

The Administration must deplore the sad fact that it is barred from writing postscripts to German diplo matic notes addressed to the United States Government.

It should be constantly borne in mind in these controversial times that the German Chancellor asserted in the Reichstag that his Government deliberately intended to flout international law in 1914 and to back its way brough Belgium.

Suppose we had been a member of European and American League to Enforce Peace on August 1, 1914?

the Post Office Department. From its Congresses (December 6, 1875, to sentative of these The presenting a profit which for 1916 may March 3, 1883), representing the then its place and its functions. furnishing the greater share, is drawn to maintain unprofitable zervices else-where.—The World.

We have never been able to accept this theory as sound. The "unprofitable services elsewhere" are essential factors in a system of which New York is a part. Without them, there is no telling what the New York opersteamship and dog sled from Columdoes to carry a letter from Madison Square to Union Square by van; but that have been done by any New York the Alaskan route contributes to a newspaper, as relates to music, in years, sidered as a whole,

gressman advised the South to raise Hominy statistics are not at is at present long on hogs.

Complete returns show that Mr. The difference between a league to

a vigilance committee exert that substituted moral force for side arms?

thing until after election.

Educated. From the Star of Hope Judge-You say you're a college gradu Prisoner-The University of Hard Knocks

So long has earth been plunged in night e 1917, ok to it to set things right

THE SOUTH AND THE PORK

Patriotic Southerner Thinks the Question Should Be Ignored in the Interest of Unity of the Sections.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have been reading your paper every morning for eight years, which is the number of years I have lived (North) in New York. I came here from the Of course neither you nor your readers are interested in this part of my story.

ne time now you have had a great deal to say about the pork barrel and the South getting the lion's share, &c. I was for Judge Hughes for dent, and have never been for Wilson but such articles as you have been putting in your paper are calculated to cause bad feeling by one part of the country against the other.

I was travelling in the South just be fore and after the recent election, and if and munitions agents in this country. you could have heard the unkind remarks (mostly by the ignorant, however) about New York and the East eing whipped by the West and South, and that Wall Street would never run his country again, &c.

publicans and Progressives, will have o join hands and go out to fight for a bare one-fourth of our people. very existence, and now why should is our mother country, not England. such a big brother as THE SCN is to

say about France, England and Russia of government and our politicians are Union" will never, never come to be. not so corrupt that it takes such stuff to get into office. Now is the time for our big men and

big papers to come to our country's id, for God knows we need them. NEW YORK, December 28.

#### A Positive Opinion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Afte eading your editorial article to-day I nustasay the Southerners have certainly got full control and before another year Ohio, California and a few other State will be damning themselves for voting encouragment to that crowd.

NEW YORK, December 28.

#### The Vigilance Committee

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your editorial article "In the Saddle" I believe in, for every word of it is the As you have suggested believe that every honest newspaper this country ought to take decisive action in the matter.

Allow me to call your attention to an ther article I saw in your good paper relative to Wilson's plurality; that is daced at 568,822. Where do you think all this plurality

omes from? I find that Wilson's plurality in the solid South is 762,775 Therefore the South naturally think they are entitled to all that is good in that wonderful pork barrel.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., December 28.

### Will a Jackass Bray at a Pork Barrel; TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic: Your

distinction in his letter about the bray- day that the fourth estate leads all the ing of mules. The mule is indispensa- others. symbol of the political party now performing at Washington. Often in the last three years must these lines of the basic issue of the case in hand is Wordsworth have been recalled by backward looking persons

bras.

# New York, December 28.

# TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL IN

our very able and highly flavored editorial article "In the Saddle" you refer "Cheesequake creeks in both North and South." I knew of a Cheesequake brook in the suburbs of Boston there many of them and why? NEW YORK, December 28.

The name of Cheesequake Creek beago, when Miles Ross, a native of in Washington. Ross was a Democrat and served in the Forty-fourth, Forty-The metropolis is the milch cow of lifth, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Third Congress district of his State.

In Ross's bailiwick there was a stream called Cheesequake Creek. Our

### COMMUNITY MUSIC. Merited Word for the Community

To THE EDITOR OF THE SEN-SEC. eems to me that one of the finest things

munity Chorus, the unselfish work of its eader and the most excellent results of Tuesday night, collectively we have aggregated one of the greatest things that ever have been done in the history of of anybody, but-think of it, four years music in the United States. JOHN B. FOSTER.

NEW YORK, December 28, The Police and the Children.

#### To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Of all the fine things that were done in

New York this Christmas season, the finest of all was the Christmas of the police to the children of the poor. None The Administration deeply regrets of the urchins will be afraid of a copmen had their satisfaction in the happiness of the kiddies, but their best re-CARRANZA shows no signs of turning ward will come in the confidence and trust of the children in the days that are to come. AN ADMIRER.

> From the Cape Girardeau Republican. A Mr. Harry Oliver Hirt was down he programme as a planist. He pr

Prom the Walnut Ridge Blade.
R. W. Moore shipped a carload of go

#### OUR MOTHER LAND. Does America Spring Not From Eng-

land, but From All of Europe? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Pernit a native of Massachusetts to take issue with Francis Lynde Stetson's asconishing speech at the New England other men born in America would it have seemed fitting to "repeat a toast offered at the Plymouth dinner in 1769, speedy and lasting union between Great considered that in only four years Bor

ton harbor was turned into a teapot and in the shadow of Bunker Hill watchfully walting for a signal light in the North Church tower. Paul Revere saw the and other articles where leather is light, but apparently Mr. Stetson never did, or possibly the light has been ob- from the skins of practicall scured by Mr. Stetson's well known close squatic mammals and of sor relations with England's loan brokers fishes; the sea lion, beluga or white Moreover, Mr. Stetson should know phant, manatee or dugong, water only sustain a weight of about hines that England is not our "mother coun-New York, the greatest city and muskrat, and a variety of fishes. try." the greatest State in this Union, greater than all New England, was settled by Hollanders. Florida, the Gulf country remarks and editorials as I have of lards. The central West, from Detroit yours, for we are one people, and I fear to St. Louis, was as French as the names it may not be long before the North, of its cities. So many millions have fouth, East and West, Democrats, Re- come from every country in Europe causes that, while the raw pelts may the demand sometimes far exceeds that the descendants of the English are

Possibly John Hancock and those the press of our country, Judge Hughes, signing after him on July 4, 1776, did "most unwisely," as Mr. Stetson dig up such bosh as the South and a says. But all save a microscopic mi nority of Americans venerate Hancock Did you see in yesterday's World and Washington, love the ideal they eswhat one of Russia's big men had to tablished and are firmly resolved that these United States shall ever remain joining their military forces together in free and independent, with no entangling the future for --- ! Surely our system alliances, and that the "British-American Far more autonishing than Mr. Stet

son's speech is the fact that it went unrebuked by an audience made up of the all too fast disappearing descend "the older inhabitants of New Eng whose ancestors hated England as dearly as Mr. Stetson loves

JOHN D. MOORE. NEW YORK, December 25.

#### MODERN NEWSPAPERS. Covering Every Field of Thought and Industry, They Are Indispensable.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In in interesting article that appeared rethese suggestive words :

How does it happen that church mem sers become to hopelessly narrow that they want their church to exist in a moral that they desire all life to come under the ontrol of moral principles. If this process he religious people will have to go to the newspaper for their religion.

That time has already come. It is here People already go to the newspaper for their religion. Outside of the Bible I doubt very much if there is any force so potent in our present day life as the great modern newspaper. I believe was Carlyle who said that Edmund Burke pointed to the reporters' gallery in Parliament and exclaimed that there was a "fourth estate" greater than the three If it was true that the fourth estate in Burke's day was greater than the estates of the nobles, clergy and

We depend upon the newspapers in the Are we about to buy food, clothing or life? We turn to the advertisements in ward looking persons:

"Once more the ass did lengthen out journey, are we thinking of undertaking the hair follicles. This leather is diffi- soles. In Russin and Silveria the ward to be a circular ridge, the locations of Egypt fish skins are used for the hair follicles. This leather is diffi- soles. In Russin and Silveria the ward to be a circular ridge. In command of nine thousand well. The long, dry seesaw of his horrible a certain enterprise, are we interested in bringing about a certain reform, are we ; the community, do we desire to learn leather for commercial use than any in the making of willing about life and human nature, do we crave moral and religious instruction, do we want to safeguard our welfare and free from the marks of sharks' teeth. provide for it in the future, are we about | For the manufacture of small articles from the fish in blanket form and to elect a President or other public of there is nothing that can compare with scales carefully removed. The helais? In all these matters and in a it in the way of wear, tractility then dried and afterward worked hundred others we turn to the news-strength and suppleness. A piece of a scraper until they are placed.

use the name as though it were signifi-day, does not reach so far as the arm of leathers possess. This makes it espe-almost as tough as purchasent. The arm of the church, in this our the press True, the church, as a divine cially good for shoemaking, for in are then dyed and sewn together institution, is greater than the fourth whatever direction the foot is thrust line thread generally made from estate, but the point is that in our day by the weight of the body the leather skin. ame significant nearly forty years represent the invisible church. The mod Middlesex county in New Jersey, was true saints. As in the days of Jesus, the ern church is no longer a community of true saints are now often to be found Messrs. Anon and Ibid Are Still Puz- Another Slave of the Pillow Tells emong the "publicans and sinners." The church no longer stands as the representative of these. The press has usurped

farm, by river, lake and sea, by the dusty forge and the light of the foundry fires and on the wide, breezy reaches of the prairies men read the news and the fine different similes, you have added the I wonder whether M. con-

## To THE Elector of THE SUS- Sec. and two months more of Wilson

The Big Noise.

Johnny-Is the thunder explaining what Pigs Isn't Pigs. used to think that pigs was pigs

And also pork was pork. But that was 'fore they let The papers in New York. Now, far as I can figure it. A Congressman's a pig.
And pork is just a building, or
A harbor, deep and big.

I used to think a lamb a lamb. With fuzzy wuzzy coat, But Wall street stories say that bears

It must be time has wrought a change In things like pigs and pork I'll have to go to school again

But daddy says they cross it now

Well, everybody knows-

# COMMERCIAL USE OF THE HIDES AND SKINS OF AQUATIC CREATURES.

Marine Mammals and Fishes Supply Leathers of Varied and Perhaps Increasable Availability in Manufacture.

market has been in such a low condi-

tion have led the Bureau of Fish

whale, alligator, seal, porpoise, sea ele

In the tanning of aquatic skins the

tion of others is by no means a difficult

preparation of certain skins in imita

tively free from any of these objections

prepared.

eing used for the purpose.

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ielts and the like

The recent statements as to the in- adapts itself to that shape. Being acreased cost of leathers and the high cordingly durable it will outlast two or three calf leather soles. Another cost of shoes and the fact that the recommendation apparent when it be. omes soft is the manner in which it absorbs water but allows no moisture eries at Washington to make experito penetrate it. Many shoestrings are ade from porpoise leather, but it skins with a view to their use for shoes does not begin to compare with a string made from the beluga or white whale used. Fine leathers have been made skin. Comparing the from the skins of practically all the with one made from beluga, it has been found that the beluga string will sustain a weight of about 300 whereas one made from porpoise we

noccasin. frog. otter, beaver tail, Because of its great tensile strength beluga leather is well adapted to t manufacture of machinery belts. pieces of this leather have from a single skin measuring sixt the walrus, sea lion and other animals feet long and fifteen inches wide, Alligator skins have been utilized to

have been so damaged by their fighting among themselves and from other leather making for many years, be abundant and cheap enough, it is supply. There are several varieties a difficult to secure them sufficiently free alligator skins on the market, yet each from defect to permit of their use as differs from the others in certain we fancy leathers with economy. For this defined characteristics, and it is own reason seal skins, which are comparato these differences that each variet has its own special use. The skins used for a variety of purposes, and are generally used to imitate those one time were largely used in the

as to develop the peculiar grain de- making of shoes, The skins of sharks, rays and dogsired. On the other hand, seal skin is imitated, the skin of goats and calves fish are very rough and studded w horny tuberculous markings or tuberances, which are ea firmly in leather has a greater strength and to the skin that they are not ea durability in proportion to its weight separated therefrom. They take, h than almost any other on the market, ever, a polish almost equal to and on account of its choice and at-Formerly large quantities of sha tractive grain is in demand for such skins were used for polishing week articles as card cases, pocketbooks, ivory and other materials, for shopping bags, &c. they are excellent owing. The skin of the sea lion was for-roughness, hardness and are excellent owing to the merly considered unfit for tanning pur- The skin of the diamond shark is also poses, owing to its thickness and used to cover the sword grips of arms texture, the only use being to sabres, and for this purpose is not se put it through the oil rendering passed by any material obtainable. process and rarely saving the skin, Sturgeon skin is used quite exten out now the hide is worth as much as sively

both in a commercial wa the oil, if not more. The thick hides and for ornamental purposes. Some of the old animals are usually used as the skins are very attractive, a substitute for walrus hide in polish- cially those ing wheels for metal workers, and coasts, which are distinguished while inferior to walrus polishing rows of small but very horny is wheels, are prized by silversmiths for between which are protuberances varying in form fre Leather made from walrus skins was mere dot to beautiful irregular shape formerly used for the rigging of ves- bosses nearly half an inch in length sels, and was also employed to protect These skins are very oily, howerigging from chafing. Later it and half a gill of oil may came into use by the silversmiths and from the cavity beneath each

manufacturers of bright metal objects eral of the bo for removing mars and scratches and The tails of beavers make a leaf to polish fine metal surfaces. The hide seen occasionally on the market. particularly desirable for this pur- is a most curiously marked pose owing to the peculiar grain, which being covered with unimbricated see very tough. Another peculiar use like bosses of irregular outline. to which walrus hide is placed is as a of the bosses is about a third covering for the rollers used in ginning inch in length. long staple cotton. The tanned hide is leather is found on the market

cut into thin strips and attached to the used for the purpose of covering s surface of the roller and covers the jewelry boxes and the like portion that comes into contact with Water snake skins are tanned used to some extent also, but th Formerly walrus hide was not used mand for them is not large. The for fancy articles, but of recent years thin and lack durability, the hides are split and so tanned that used more for the novelty of the the grain has an unusually smooth, and not for their wearing quality velvety appearance, and it has come Garfish or armored fish and frinto use for such articles as card cases, used to a limited extent for 1

purposes. Frog skin is thin and The skin of the manatee or dugong pliable and possesses a delicate produces the most characteristic grain not an especially attractive grain of all the marine leathers, as it consists Certain varieties of fish fur closely associated and irregular rows leather. of well developed ridges, with peculiar and gloves have been made indentations or pin marks surrounded skins of codfish and of cust, wh cult to imitate, and only a small quantitrim their dresses, with the turbot. These skins at The porpoise probably furnishes less used in Europe for binding paper, the voice of the people, the pulse porpoise leather a foot square can be finished this membrane reso easily drawn out to a foot and a third closely kidskin in appearance

# MYSTERIOUS AUTHORS.

zling Would Be Identifiers. writing and publishing a "Dictionary of article in The Sen hits no Similes" i was surprised to find that so actly. A young man, for a So true is this that some clergymen little is generally known of those re- years I have gone to hed at \$ ? and laymen have left or turned away nowned authors Anon and Ibid. A great before, through a compelling of ncle Sam spent several hundred doctrines through the columns of the discovered in the catalogues of the Cons were regular and not difficult thousand dollars on Cheesequake Creek newspaper. Such men realize that in gressional Library and the British Mu- its certainly as temperate as the the readers of the newspapers they can seem, and known only to bibliodends, age man's. I ate but two meals command a wider audience than they were passed over without question. It due, I have turned down man could possibly hope to reach in any other appears, however, that Anon and Ibid tations to the theatre because of way. In every city, town and bamlet, in have stumped a number of studious persistence of the first control every backwoods settlement, on every sons. And this despite the fact that tain rose I was at home and sopulous city street, on every lonely Messrs. Anonymous and Ibidem are the than ever plummet sounded

the Alaskan route contributes to a compete system, which must be considered as a whole.

Hail to this force, the great force of the twentieth century! Hail to this rock of our salvation! "And whosever shall be broken; but on gressman advised the South to raise less hell and more hogs and homing." Hominy statistics are not at many Corner the unselfish origin of the Computing of the twentieth century! Hail to this force, the great force of the twentieth century! Hail to this force of the twentieth century in the subject of the twentieth century! Hail to this force of the twentieth century in the subject of the twentieth century! Hail to this force of the twentieth centu eather "thist" was an author; or if not what the origin of the name is.

I made of course a polite reply. He is now very likely airing his erudition. regard to Lemmos and Loki I mile

A lady from Newark, N. J., wrote me;

Are you not mistaken in crediting the Sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes on a desert, unpopulated island Or Cynthia's breath."

It appears then that those popular writers of tragedy class Lemmos writers Anon and Ibid are little known desert island." to the general public.

FRANK J. WILSTACH. New York, December 27.

#### Memories of Alcoholic Alchemy. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Shy Let

me join in the wall of "Heartbroken" and "Pishball" for the lost drinks of our youth. I came to New York thirwon neither fame nor fortune, but in those early days I could at this time of the year drink five or six Tom and Jerthe year drink five or six Tom and Jerfor it is "ixofer." Change II. teen years ago a raw Western boy. on my way home from the office each evening. Now I know of but two places that pretend to serve so much as an eggnoge, and what they call by that hallowed name is nothing but a milk THIRSTT.

NEW YORK, December 28.

# THE WEARY.

About His Thraidem.

Two minutes after A correspondent from Brooklyn writes: the pillow I was asleep and so

Lemnos and Loki TO THE EDITOR OF THE SAME OF sources, but all tireck reference memner from my youth as we celebrated Greek traged -upon the point that Philoteter well known tragedy he comp I am quite sure that they are by William peatedly that he is left on a deser and. Would Honier and the

As to Lock, the only source Edda, and in Baldur's death were in detail how the black staurts spear out of the mistletoe and tox Hedur kills Baldur with this saws rather rely on the Edds saga tha Rullfinch. New York, December 23.

Duplex Pork. First Congressman-Tell in

Second Congressman-Get an api tion to drain the swam build a post office on it.